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Via email: 67276-35104082@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-00360-F

Re: A copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Department of Energy who have left their positions/were terminated/retired for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Department of Energy in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Dear Mr. Gottinger,

Thank you for the request for information that you made to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your letter was received in this office today and has been assigned a controlled number, HQ-2019-00360-F. Since we receive several hundred requests a year, please use this number in any correspondence with the Department about your request.

We are reviewing your letter to determine if it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. We will send you a subsequent letter to inform you if we need additional information or to state where the request has been assigned to conduct a search for responsive documents.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact this office on (202) 586-5955.

Sinderely,

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FOIA Officer

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